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Ms. Hanh Shaw Chuitna Project Manager U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, Washington 98101-3140

Ref: Proposed Chuitna Coal Project PA

Kenai Peninsula Borough and Tyonek Village, Alaska

Dear Ms. Shaw:

On March 17, 2008 the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your notification regarding the adverse effects of the referenced undertaking. Based upon the information you provided, we have concluded that Appendix A, *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), does not apply to this undertaking. Accordingly, we do not believe that our participation in the consultation to resolve adverse effects is needed. However, if we receive a request for participation from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, affected Indian tribe, a consulting party, or other party, we may reconsider this decision. Additionally, should circumstances change, and you determine that our participation is needed to conclude the consultation process, please notify us.

Pursuant to 36 CFR §800.6(b)(1)(iv), you will need to file the final Programmatic Agreement (PA), developed in consultation with the Alaska SHPO, and related documentation with the ACHP at the conclusion of the consultation process. The filing of the PA with the ACHP is required in order to complete the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Thank you for providing us with your notification of adverse effect. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Dr. John Eddins at 202-606-8553 or jeddins@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

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